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In the Matter of

Policies and Rules
Pertaining to
the Equal Access Obligations
of Cellular Licensees

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby requests a two-week extension, until Friday, October 15, 1992, of the reply comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding.

MCI submits that the public interest would be served by a grant of this request. More than fifty parties, some filing jointly, submitted initial comments responsive to MCI's petition on or before the September 1 deadline (and one additional party submitted comments one day late). These initial comments raise a host of issues, ranging from the market demand for cellular equal access to the feasibility and cost of implementing equal access for cellular service.

MCI believes that the current thirty-day window for preparation and submission of reply comments, established by the Commission when it granted McCaw Cellular Communication's earlier request for an extension of time, will be inadequate, given the number and complexity of initial comments. In addition, the current schedule may prevent some parties, especially the smaller cellular carriers, from participating fully in the reply round of

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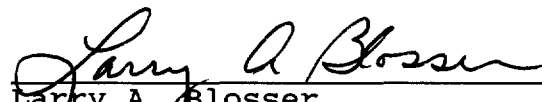
this proceeding, given their need to devote limited resources to the preparation and filing of initial comments in the Commission's Part 22 Rewrite Proceeding (CC Docket No. 92-115), which are due October 4. Further, the preparation of reply comments will be impeded, to varying degrees, by the absence of key personnel to attend a major industry gathering (the Telocator convention) in San Francisco September 22-25. Finally, deference should be given to the fact that this request is being made by the proponent of the rulemaking.

Wherefore, good cause having been shown, MCI respectfully requests that the Commission extend the reply comment deadline on MCI's cellular equal access petition to Friday, October 15, 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

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